

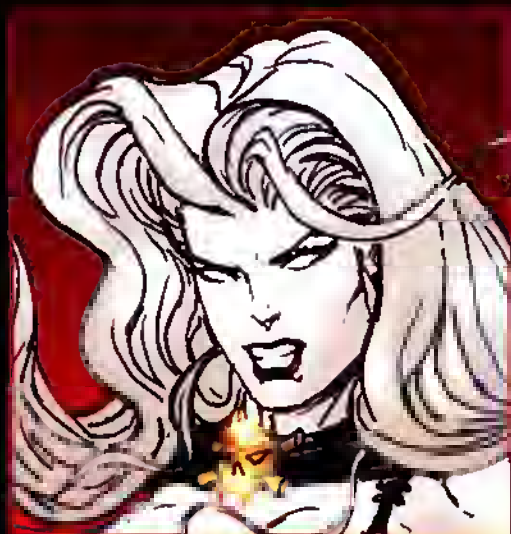
Lady Death VAMPIRELLA



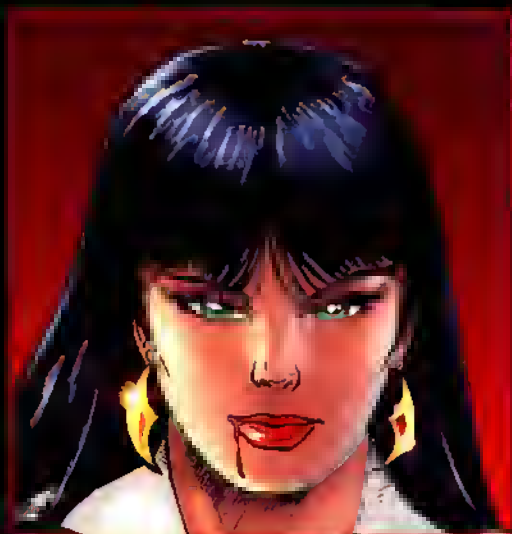
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Lady Death vs. VAMPIRELLA

Dark ♥ Hearts



LADY DEATH - Once she was a girl named Hope during the Dark Ages. As the daughter of the demonic feudal lord, Matthias, she was wrongly branded a witch and sentenced to burn at the stake. To save her own life, she renounced her humanity and was condemned to Hell. There, through tragic circumstances - and the manipulations of Lucifer himself - she transformed into Lady Death, the ravishing seductress of the Netherworld. Her mission? To survive, to overcome all obstacles in her path!



VAMPIRELLA - Immune to crosses, garlic and daylight, Vampirella is not your average vampire. The first vampire of the new age, Vampirella has been charged by Lilith, the queen of hell, to defend humanity against her own brothers and sisters.

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THE GROVE OF
SUICIDES

HER NAME IS
SCORN

A' NELL
NEK'TRATH,
UTH BAS
B'THOUD!

DAK
Y'L D'YIN
VEI!

AT LEAST A
HALF-TRUTH
SORCERESS

YOU
CAN'T
FATHOM
YOUR REAL
USE TO
ME.

YES!
THE SPELL
WORKED! THE
GEM IS EM-
POWERED.

THE
STRANGER
SPOKE
TRUE?

DRAKULON.
BIRTHPLACE
OF VAMPIRELLA.

VAMPIRELLA!
MY DAUGHTER!

AWAKEN!
AWAKEN
AND
HELP!

MOTHER?

HOW
CAN THAT BE?
LILITH GAVE HER
LIFE TO REVIVE
DRAKULON!
CAN
MY MOTHER
TRULY HAVE
RETURNED?

WHO
IN
HELL?

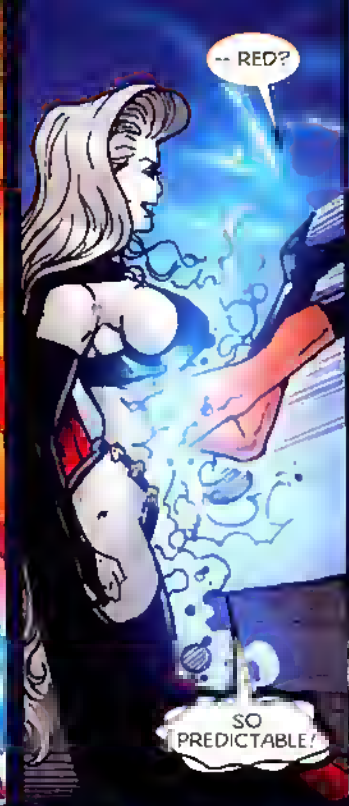
VAMPIRELLA!
SAVE ME!

HELL
INDEED!
BE ON
YOUR WAY.
LITTLE
GIRL I'VE
SOULS TO
STEAL.

WHAT
DO
YOU --?

YOU'RE STILL
HERE? RUN
ALONG.

I AM
DEATH!
LILITH'S SOUL
IS MINE TO DO
WITH AS I
PLEASE!





NO, I AM
NO FRIEND
OF THAT
DEMONESS!
CALL ME
SCORN.

IT'S
BECAUSE OF
HER THAT MY
FACE IS RUINED!
I WISH THAT
SOUL STEALER
THOUSAND
TORMENTS!

DO YOU
KNOW HOW
I CAN FIND
HER?

SHE
POSSESSES
SOMETHING
THAT MEANS A
GREAT DEAL
TO ME.

I
CAN AID
YOU



- WITH
THIS!
WEAR
IT AND IT
WILL LEAD
YOU TO LADY
DEATH!

MOTHER?!



HOW
DOES
THIS TRINKET
WORK?



IT WILL GRANT YOU GREAT POWER. AND
YOU WILL NEED IT. SHE IS NO ORDINARY
ADVERSARY. SHE'S POWERFUL BEYOND
RECKONING. THE ENTIRE REALM
RESPONDS TO HER
COMMANDS.

FOCUS ON
YOUR MOTHER'S
SOUL! IT WILL GUIDE
US TO LADY DEATH
AND HER KINGDOM
IN HELL!

"US"?
I FIGHT
ALONE.

CAN THIS
WOMAN BE
TRUSTED?
I'M NOT SO
SURE.



IF YOU
SEEK REVENGE
ON LADY DEATH,
I AM YOUR ALLY!
AND WHERE THE
GEM GOES,
I GO.

JUST DON'T
GET IN MY
WAY!

LIKE
LEMMINGS
OFF A
CLIFF.

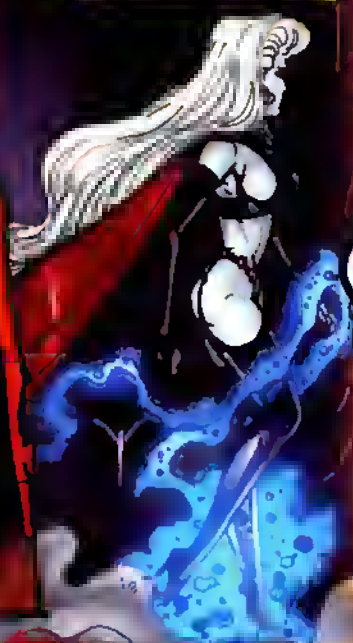
THE ENDLES GRAVEYARD.
HELL.

TONIGHT IS AN ANNIVERSARY
OF SORTS. HUNDREDS OF
YEARS AGO, ON THIS NIGHT,
SHE WAS CONDEMNED HERE.

TO HONOR THIS NIGHT, SHE
LAYS DOWN HER SWORD,
LOCKS IT AWAY, AND
REFUSES HER LEGENDARY
WARS OF WAR.

COLD, STEELY, REMOTE, SHE'S
THE QUEEN OF ALL THAT IS
DEAD AND DYING.

THE UNFORGETTABLE
LADY DEATH



MOTHER.

IN THE
QUITE OF THE
NIGHT, I AM LEFT
WITH A MEMORY. I WAS
PLAYING IN THE GARDEN
WHEN YOU TOLD ME
NOT TO. AND I CUT MY-
SELF BADLY. I WAS AFRAID
TO TELL YOU, BUT WHO
COULD I TURN TO? YOU.
YOU FORGAVE ME,
TOOK CARE OF
ME.

I
LOVE YOU,
MOTHER AND
I... MISS
YOU.

M'LADY
DEATH! THE
BANQUET IS
READY.
WE AWAIT
ONLY YOUR
PRESENCE!




WHO
DARES?

I LEFT
ORDERS THAT
I WAS NOT TO
BE DISTURBED.
DID I
NOT?



YES,
M'LADY.
I-I
APOLOGIZE
FOR MY
IMPUDENCE.



WHEN
LADY DEATH
GIVES AN
ORDER, IT IS
FOLLOWED!

TO THE
DEATH!

EERRGGH!



FORGIVE ME,
MOTHER.

I MEANT
THIS TO BE
A QUIET TIME.
A TIME TO
REFLECT.

BUT MY
APPETITE FOR
DESTRUCTION
KNOWS NO
BOUNDS.

THE NEXUS OF ALL
THINGS -- AND
GATEWAY TO THE
INFINITE.

WE HAVE
PIERCED THE
VEIL OF THE
NEXUS!

CAN
YOU SMELL
IT? WE ARE
IN HELL!

I WISH
YOU WEREN'T
GONE,
MOTHER.

I WISH I
COULD SEE
YOU ONCE
MORE.



MEN!
TO ARMS!
WE HAVE
INTRUDERS!
LIVING
INTRUDERS!

I WILL
FORGE AHEAD!
MEET ME AT THE
EBONY CASTLE IN THE
GRAVEYARD'S
CENTER! BUT BE CAREFUL,
VAMPIRELLA! THESE
FOOLS WILL HAPPILY
DIE AGAIN FOR
THEIR
MISTRESS!
HER
SOUL IS PURE.
PITY. THE GEM IS
CORRUPT AND
CANNOT BE WITH SO
PURE A SPIRIT. IT WILL
SOON EXPLODE, MAKING
THE PRETTY LITTLE
VAMPIRE DEAD
AND SCARRED
LIKE ME.

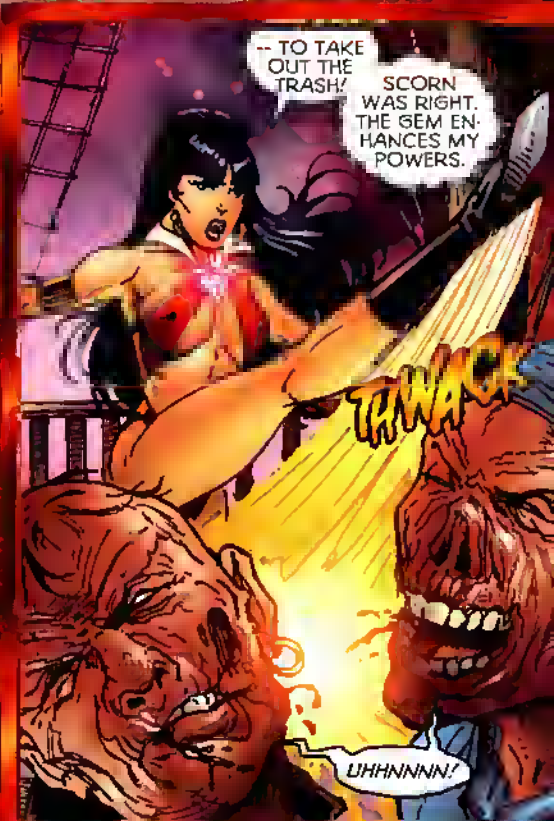
THANKS
FOR THE EN-
COURAGEMENT
SCORN. BUT
I'M NOT A
KILLER.

FOR THE
GLORY OF
DEATH!



BUT I AM
MORE THAN
WILLING --

SLASH
AIEEE



-- TO TAKE
OUT THE
TRASH!

SCORN
WAS RIGHT.
THE GEM EN-
HANCES MY
POWERS.

THWACK

UHHNNNN!

THOUGH SHE TRIES
TO REST, LADY DEATH
IS HAUNTED BY
NIGHTMARES.

MATTHIAS!
STOP!

MOTHER!
NO!

Ahh! A
DISTURBANCE
AT THE
NEXUS!

SOMEONE,
SOMETHING
HAS INVADIED
MY REALM.

GOOD.

I COULD
USE A...
DIVERSION FROM
THE DEMONS
LURKING IN MY
SOUL!

SARAH?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
FACE?

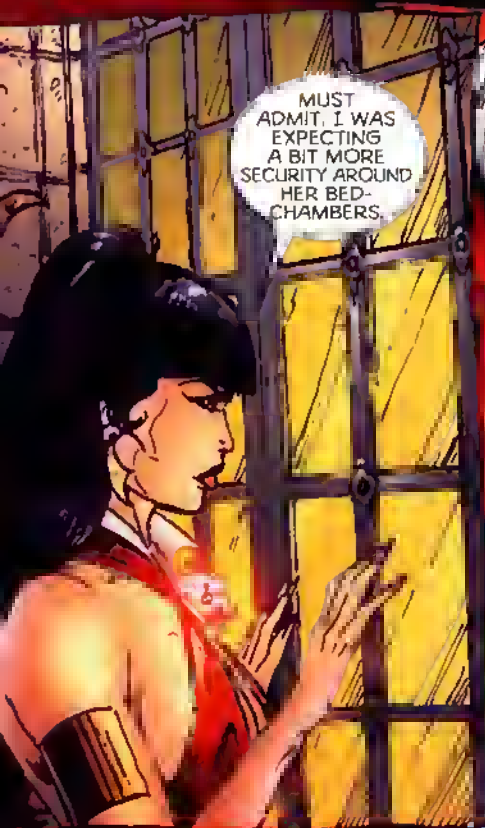
DON'T
EVER CALL
ME
SARAH!

AAAAAAA



NICE
ARCHITECTURE


SUBTLETY
CERTAINLY
ISN'T LADY
DEATH'S MIDDLE
NAME!



MUST
ADMIT, I WAS
EXPECTING
A BIT MORE
SECURITY AROUND
HER BED-
CHAMBERS.



MAY
I HELP
YOU?



YEEH
YOU CAN
BLEED, YOU
BITCH!

YOU
DARE --?



YOU
DARE
DRAW MY
BLOOD?

YOU
ARROGANT
LITTLE
SPECK!

WHAT'S
THE MEANING
OF THIS
INTRUSION?

Uhhhh?

TELL
ME WHERE
LILITH
IS!

I KNOW
NOT OF ANY
LILITH
GIRL



HOPE!
I NEED
YOU!

PEERING INTO THE
HEART OF SCORN'S
GEM, LADY DEATH SEES...

MARION?
MOTHER?





YOU
HAVE
CROSSED
A LINE,
GIRL!


A LINE
NO ONE
CROSSES
AND
LIVES!

GIVE
ME THAT
GEM!

SHE
DENIED
KNOWING
LILITH.

CAN
SHE BE THAT
GOOD A
LIAR?

CRASH



WHAT
I NEED
IS NEAR! I
CAN FEEL
IT!

GOOD
EVENING,
GUARD. HOW
GOES
IT?

I'D
KNOW
THAT VOICE
ANYWHERE.
WHERE'VE YA
BEEN,
SARAH?



PLOTTING
MY VENGEANCE,
FOOL.

ROT
IN THE
PITS!

AAAAAAA!



OUT
OF MY
WAY!



AT LAST!
DARKNESS,
LADY DEATH'S
FEARSOME
BLADE.

NOW
FORTUNE
SHALL FAVOR
SCORN!!





WHERE
IS YOUR
CONFIDENCE
NOW?!

THE
GEM IS
MINE!

NOT SO
FAST!
YOU'LL
TELL
ME WHAT I
WANT --

EVEN
IF I HAVE
TO DRINK IT
OUT OF
YOU!

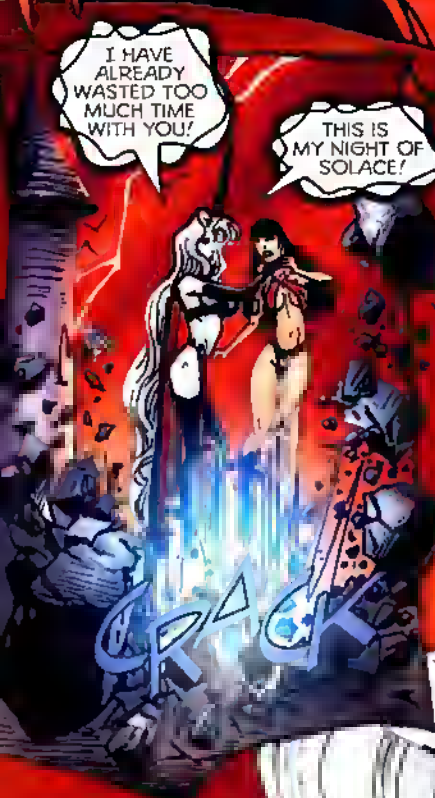
NO WAY,
I LOSE THE
GEM, I LOOSE
THE
POWER!



Huh?
WHERE'D
YOU --?



UUURKK!



I HAVE
ALREADY
WASTED TOO
MUCH TIME
WITH YOU!

THIS IS
MY NIGHT OF
SOLACE!

CRACK



THE BEST
WAY TO DISPOSE
OF A VAMPIRE IS
BEHEADING, DON'T
YOU AGREE?

TO
ME, MY
BLADE!



I SHOULD NOT HAVE CHOSEN A PAWN WITH INHERENT GOODNESS. SHE IS FIGHTING MY INFLUENCE, REJECTING MY GEM.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT SELF-DESTRUCTS. NO MATTER, PERHAPS THEY WILL ALL BE CAUGHT IN ITS BLAST.

AH! NOW THE GAME TAKES AN INTERESTING TURN.


DARKNESS TO ME!

IT DOES NOT RESPOND?

IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU DEPEND TOO MUCH ON TOYS, LADY!

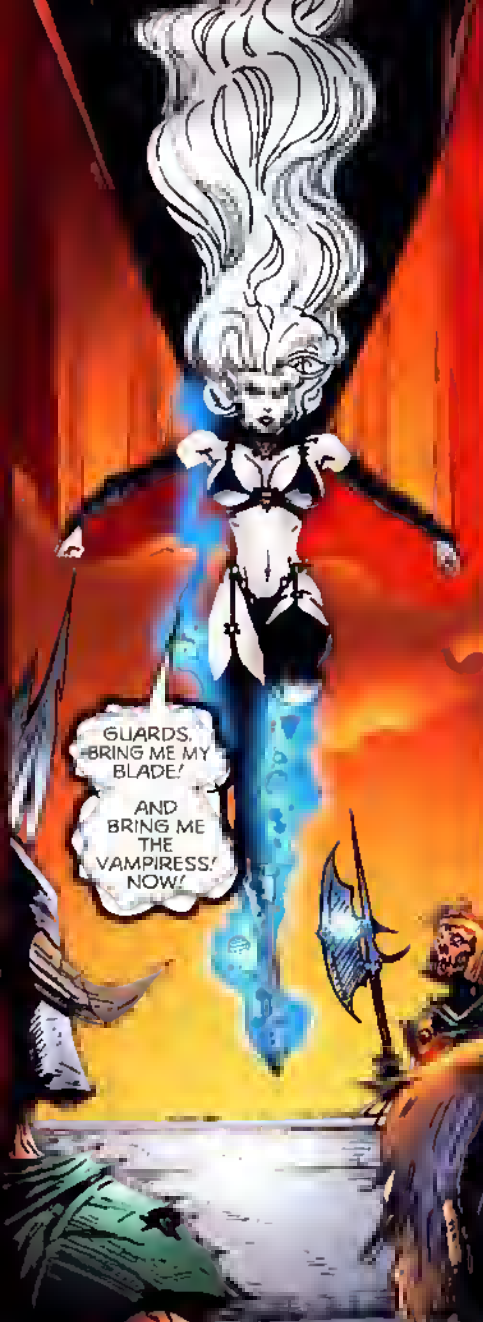
Uuhh!



I
DEPEND
UPON NO
ONE --!

EXCEPT
MYSELF!

...



GUARDS, BRING ME MY BLADE!
AND BRING ME THE VAMPIRESS! NOW!



M'LADY, WE FOUND HER ALIVE, IN YOUR MOTHER'S MEMORIAL.

IN THE MEMORIAL?!

THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR!

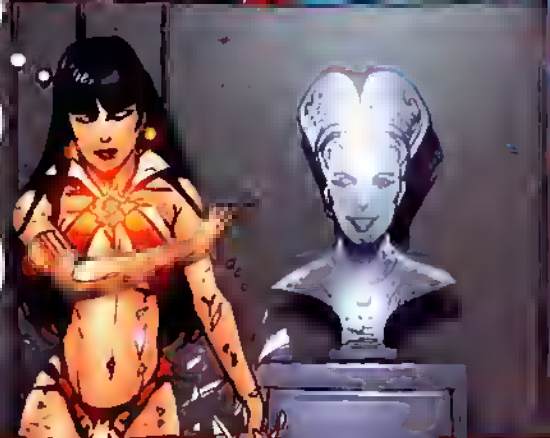


KRAAAAKK

THE GEM IS CRACKING, WHY?

AND THAT LOOK ON LADY DEATH'S FACE, SHE BELIEVED SHE SAW HER MOTHER IN THE GEM.

SOME-THING'S JUST NOT RIGHT. I'VE GOT TO LEARN THE TRUTH, AND THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY, I'VE GOT TO DRINK LADY DEATH'S BLOOD.





NOW
WHAT?

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
JACKAL BIRTHED YOU,
WITCH, BUT THIS IS A
SACRED PLACE! NONE
CAN DESECRATE
MY MOTHER'S
MEMORIAL -
AND LIVE!

YOUR
MOTHER??!



YES, MY
MOTHER!

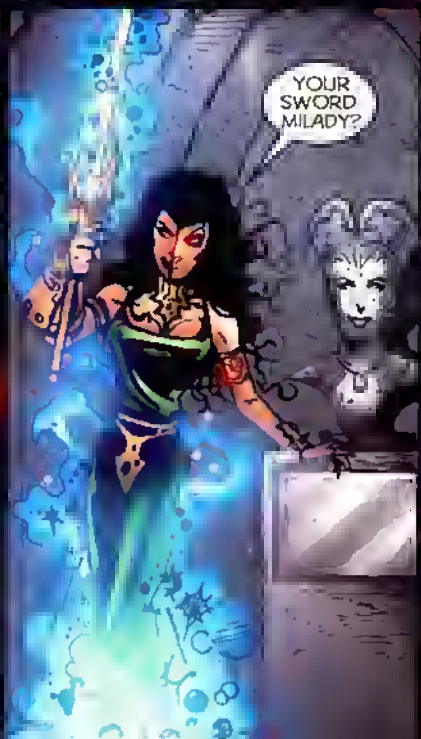
NOW
FREE HER
SPIRIT FROM
THE GEM!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE THE
SOUL
STEALER!

YOU
TOOK
LILITH!

I SAW
YOU!

YOU
SPEAK
NOSENSE
GIRL!



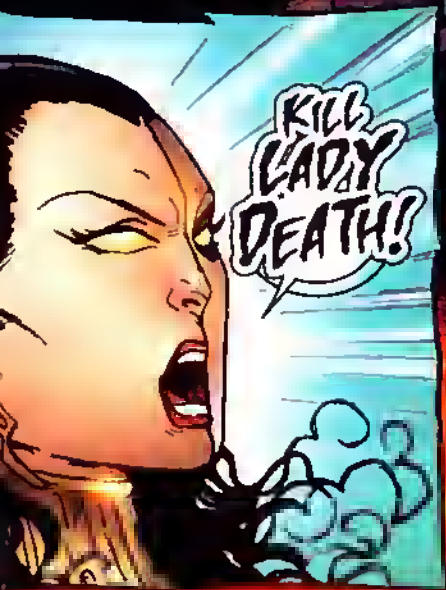
YOUR
SWORD
MILADY?



SARAH?

I BANISHED
YOU, BETRAYING
SLAVE! NOW YOU
SEEK FORGIVE-
NESS?

RETURNING
MY BLADE IS AN
ADMIRABLE ATTEMPT,
BUT I'M NOT KNOWN
FOR MERCY!





DID
YOU REALLY
THINK I WOULD
GIVE UP MY BLADE
SO EASILY?
IT IS PART OF
ME!
NOW I
WILL HAVE
THAT
GEM!

GOT
TO GET TO
THE BOTTOM
OF THIS!



THERE'S
ONLY ONE
WAY TO
LEARN THE
TRUTH!

UPON CONTACT, VAMPIRELLA'S BLOOD AND LADY DEATH'S ENERGY ARCANE MINGLE AND MERGE.

THEN SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENS; THE TRUTH BECOMES KNOWN TO THEM AND THEY ARE PRESENT TO MEMORIES LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

Uhhhhh
MOTHER?

LADY DEATH RECALLS -- AND VAMPIRELLA WITNESSES HER LIFE AS HOPE. HER LOVE OF MARION. THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF A TIME FAR REMOVED FROM THE BLEAK ENDLESS GRAVEYARD.

VAMPIRELLA RECALLS -- AND LADY DEATH EXPERIENCES VAMPIRELLA ON DRAKULON WITH HER MOTHER, LILITH.

THOUGH OFTEN THEY WERE AT ODDS, THEY SHARED A PROFOUND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

LADY DEATHS REMEMBERS MARION'S PASSING. FROM THAT MOMENT ON, HER LIFE TOOK A TURN TOWARD DARKNESS.

VAMPIRELLA REMEMBERS LILITH'S ATTEMPT ON HER LIFE TO SAVE HERSELF -- AND DRAKULON.

THROUGH THESE VIVID, SWIRLING EMOTIONS, LADY DEATH AND VAMPIRELLA MOMENTARILY FEEL A KINSHIP, A BOND MARKED BY LOVE AND TRAGEDY.

AND AS THE SPELL SUBSIDES --

THEY REALIZE
THEY'VE BEEN
TRICKED

NO!

YOU
DIDN'T STEAL
LILITH'S
SOUL!

AND
YOU DIDN'T
IMPRISON
MARION'S
SOUL IN THE
GEM.

IT
APPEARS
SOMEONE
WAS PLAYING
BOTH US FOR
FOOLS.

ISN'T
THAT RIGHT,
SCORN?

SHE'S A WITCH! I WAS
HER CHAMBERMAID! I
DIDN'T TURN HER BED
DOWN ONE NIGHT SO
SHE BURNED ME.
LEFT ME FOR
DEAD!

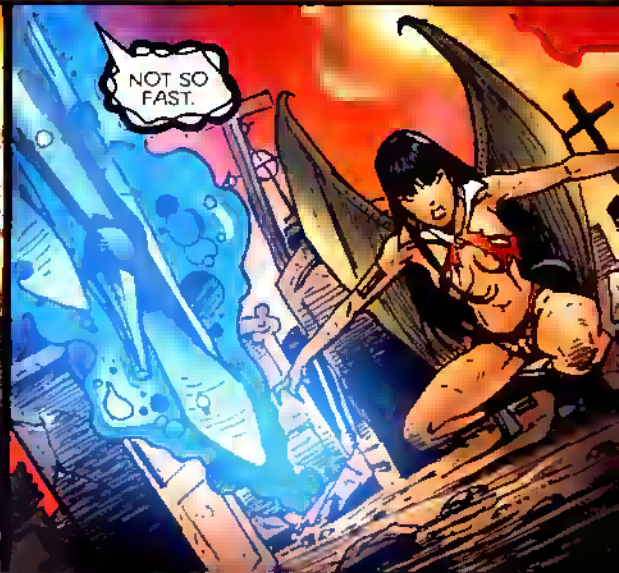
SO?

THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU DISOBEY
LADY DEATH!

WHEN
WILL YOU
LEARN,
FOOL?

NO ONE
CROSSES
DEATH AND
LIVES!







LOOK, LADY, ER, LADY DEATH, I WAS AS MUCH OF A PAWN IN SCORN'S LITTLE GAME AS YOU WERE. I HAVE NO ISSUE WITH YOU.

NOW WE CAN KEEP BEATING THE HELL OUT OF EACH OTHER OR --

QUIET!

WE HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS. YOU MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER ANOTHER'S INFLUENCE, BUT NONE MAY BLEED LADY DEATH!

YOU KNOW IT HAD TO BE DONE. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN THE TRUTH!



ENOUGH TALK!



MOTHER? YOU SAVED HER!

I KNOW SHE MEANS AS MUCH TO YOU AS LILITH DOES TO ME.



HAHAHA! YOU ARE A CLEVER ONE, LITTLE VAMPIRE!

YOU WILL LIVE ANOTHER DAY.

THANKS. I THINK. AND CALL ME VAMPIRELLA.



THIS IS A FIRST, VAMPIRELLA. FOR RESCUING THE BUST OF MARION, NOT ONLY SHALL I LET YOU LIVE, BUT I SHALL RETURN YOU TO YOUR HOMELAND!

IN ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE LADY DEATH. PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE BEEN SISTERS?

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK VAMPIRELLA.

DAMN! LADY DEATH IS VICTORIOUS AGAIN! AND VAMPIRELLA. SHE'S A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT FOR ONE SO... GOOD. CHOOSING HER WAS A BLUNDER. I'VE LEARNED FROM THIS --

NEVER SEND A LESSER DEMON TO DO THE DEVIL'S WORK.

Noooo!

YOU MAKE A TASTY APPETIZER. SCORN?

BUT ONE DAY LADY DEATH'S SOUL WILL BE A DELIGHTFUL BANQUET!
HA! HA! HA! HA!

The End

An Abraxis Scan

